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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TERRE HAUTE WOMAN SENTENCED
FOR FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURN**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SAUNDRA R. HULL, 60, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 12 months custody, which will be served with 7 months in jail and 5 months home detention, today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following her previously entered guilty plea to failure to file a tax return. This case was the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service. The indictment charged that HULL owed a substantial amount of income tax to the United States of America and that she failed to make an income tax return on or before April 15, 2003, as required by law, to any proper officer of the Internal Revenue Service.

On January 18, 2006, DONALD W. REED, 54, New Albany, Indiana, was sentenced to 5 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge John D. Tinder after pleading guilty to aiding and abetting HULL's failure to pay her federal income tax for the calendar year 2002. In late 2002,

HULL engaged REED to broker the sale of real estate and timber on her behalf, from which she realized substantial gross income and a tax liability exceeding \$40,000. To assist HULL in her effort to evade the payment of the tax on said income, REED used his escrow account and paid her in artificially structured payments, and also paid her in the form of checks each in an amount less than \$10,000. In this way, HULL could negotiate the checks and not generate a report from the bank regarding her income.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 1 year supervised release following HULL's release from imprisonment. HULL was and ordered to pay \$41,703 in back taxes.

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